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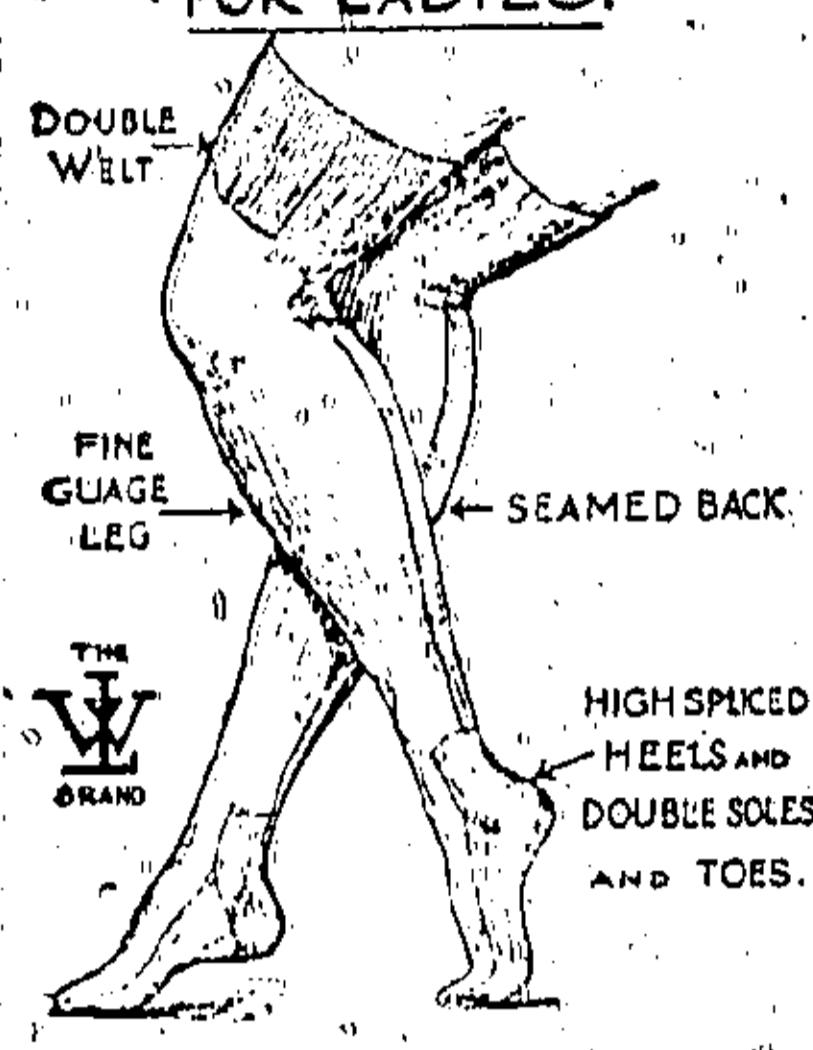
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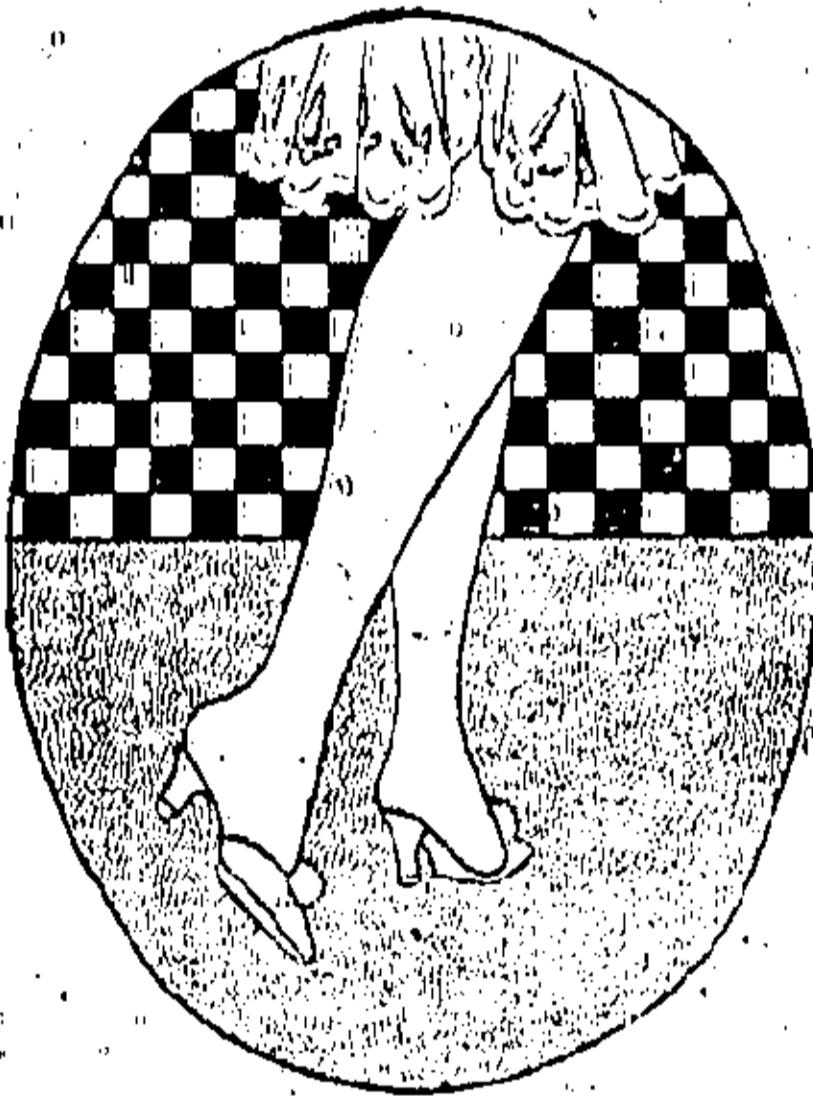
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## £800,000,000 BUDGET

### BRITAIN'S FINANCES REVIEWED.

### COUNTRY'S VITALITY.

### STILL WORLD'S FINANCIAL CENTRE.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, introduced the Budget in the House of Commons yesterday. Mr. Churchill estimated the expenditure for the year 1927-28 at £818,360,000 and the revenue at £796,850,000.

He was left, he said, with a prospective deficit of £21,540,000. He could not remain indifferent also to a shortage of £36,000,000 of last year, and felt bound in the present year to pay off at least a substantial part of that deficit so that the actual prospective deficit would be £35,000,000 or £40,000,000.

Mr. Churchill said there should be a total increased revenue in 1927 of nearly £33,000,000, and the prospective deficit of £21,500,000 would leave a surplus of £16,500,000. That would enable him to raise the new sinking fund to the unprecedented level of £65,000,000 and pay off nearly half the arrears in which the country was involved by the industrial disasters of 1926.

Dealing with the financial side of these troubles, Mr. Churchill said the immense number of miscellaneous and secondary manufactures and businesses, the processes of banking, broking, and insurance, and the vast sum brought into Britain as a result of British investments abroad, had enabled the country almost to keep the even tenor of its way.

Exchanges had remained like rock, and when the gold standard was restored two years ago few would have believed that it could have been maintained through all these convulsions. "The most remarkable fact is that the trade of the country flowed in a manner scarcely conceivable. We still remain the greatest creditor nation and the financial centre of the world."

NEW REVENUES £38,000,000.

The Ministry of Transport  
Abolished.

London, April 11.

Introducing the Budget, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, said the total

These were the direct losses, but the indirect losses were incomputable.

But the revenue, though mauled and wounded, had in the main survived the shocking breakdown of our island civilisation.

Exchange was as steady as a rock. We had never any time contemplated using the American credits obtained to safeguard the operation of the return of the gold standard, and we did not propose to renew them.

A Remarkable Fact.

The consuming power of the masses had been little affected by the troubles in 1926. The consumption of tea had slightly de-

TEA DUTY NOT CHANGED.

London, April 11.  
The tea duty is unchanged.  
Reuter

creased, sugar and tobacco had increased. Bread and meat had not diminished. Beer and spirits alone reflected the social and industrial struggles to the exchequer.

The most remarkable fact was that the trade of the country flowed in a manner scarcely conceivable. We still remained the greatest creditor nation and the financial centre of the world.

Asking the Impossible.

Apart from the coal trouble the main feature of the 1926 revenue was the failure of the income tax, which was £12,000,000 below the estimate. On the other hand estate duty and super tax had increased £24,000,000.

Sunby loans and miscellaneous revenue exceeded the estimate by £8,500,000.

Referring to the demand for a £40,000,000 cut in the national ex-

pense, Mr. Churchill said to cut the fighting services by £20,000,000 would cause a panic,

to cut the exchequer contribu-

tions to education, health and local government would cause a conulsion that might lead to the replacement of the financial dictator attempting it. (Laughter).

£21,500,000 deficit.

The expenditure for 1927 was estimated at £818,390,000 and the revenue at £796,850,000. The estimated deficit was thus £21,540,000.

As regards the increase in ex-

penditure of £40,000,000 of that

was due to the automatic execu-

tion of the decisions of previous

Parliaments and Governments, in-

cluding the increase in the sinking

fund, the automatic increase in the

revenue or increased expenditure in consequence of the general

strike and coal stoppage was

£32,000,000 in 1926-27, and the

additional prospective loss was

£9,000,000 in 1928-29.

That was the overwhelming

cause of the deficit of £36,500,000

and the severe additional loss.

(Continued on Page 7.)

### LATEST THREAT.

Alarming Reports From  
Wei-Hai-Wei.

"CARADOC" GOES TO THE SCENE

Wei-hai-wei, April 11.

In consequence of alarming reports of threatened disturbances, the naval authorities at the urgent request of the Officer Administering the Government, have despatched to Wei-hai-wei H.M.S. "Caradoc" with a view to investigating the reports and, if necessary, to afford protection to foreigners.—British Naval Wireless.

Nanking Lootings.

Nanking, April 11. Fighting on foreign ships from Lion Hill has ceased. Foreign houses and what remains of their contents are still subject to looting. Six Chinese men-of-war are present.

A number of refugees crossed to Nanking to-day from Pukow.—British Naval Wireless.

"Lion Hill" is the Chinese fortification on the Yangtze, near Chinkiang and Hankow, where there has been firing on foreign warships and merchant craft.

Evacuated Americans.

Hankow, April 11. The American communities from Chinkiang and Ichang arrived here this afternoon, together with American gunboats.

The respective Consuls were presented with the demands of the Foreign Powers with regard to the Nanking outrages at 3 p.m. to-day.

A general holiday has been declared for to-morrow as a welcome to Chiang Kai-shek.—British Naval Wireless.

General Chiang Kai-shek was last reported at Nanking and may therefore be going to Hankow.

News From The Ports.

Shasi, April 11. Two British subjects in the Customs have left for Hankow.—British Naval Wireless.

Chenglin, April 11. The situation remains quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

Wuhu, April 11. There is no change to record, the situation remaining quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

Amoy, April 11. There is no change in the local situation and nothing untoward to report from Ningpo, Foochow or Swatow.—British Naval Wireless.

GOAT LEADS MARCH.

2nd Battalion Welch Regiment Enlists.

London, April 11. The 2nd Battalion of the Welch Regiment entrained at Tidworth this morning for Southampton, where it embarked for China.

The Regimental goat headed the march to the station.

The Air Force squadron which is going to China will sail on the steamer "Neuralia" from Southampton on April 20.—Reuter.

Further Sailings.

London, April 11. The 2nd Northampton's, the 2nd Scots Guards and the 10th Field Ambulance Detachment of the R.A.F. sailed for China on the "City of Marseilles."

The 2nd Welch drafts, the Midsexes and Green Howards left for China on board the "Derbyshire."—Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

More Troops Sail From Home.

London, April 11. Two companies of the 1st Northamptons left Brookwood this morning for Southampton where they embarked for China, the band playing "Land of Hope and Glory" followed by "Auld Lang Syne" as the train steamed out of the station.

The remaining two companies will follow.—Reuter.

French Foreign Legion.

Paris, April 11. "Le Journal" announces that two battalions of the Foreign Legion are ready to leave Algeria to reinforce the garrison in French Indo-China.

The recent revolution in the province of Yunnan has caused some anxiety owing to the fact that some of the leaders of the coup d'état are Nationalists and have established touch with Canton, while the despatch of troops from Indo-China to Shanghai depleted the forces available to meet any possible Nationalist threat from Yunnan.—Reuter.

### NORTH'S ADVANCE.

Planes Bomb Hankow Suburbs.

SOUTHERNERS HOLDING ON.

Nanking, April 11.

Chuchow is now reported to be in the hands of the Northerners, gunfire having been heard from that quarter all day Sunday.

The passage of Southern troops (retreating) through Nanking has now ceased.

There are no signs yet of an organised Northern attack but Northern planes bombed Fukow and Hsiaokwan, inflicting considerable damage.—British Naval Wireless.

Cruisers' Attack.

Chinkiang, April 11.

Two "Southern" cruisers yesterday and one to-day passed up the Yangtze River (i.e., in the direction of Nanking) and opened fire on Marshals Sun Chuan-fang's outposts on the opposite (northern) bank of the Yangtze.—British Naval Wireless.

Points Explained.

Nanking is the big city, and railway terminus, situated on the southern bank on a sharp turn of the River. Fukow is its "suburb" on the northern bank, from which a railway runs north to Tientsin.

Chuchow is a few miles northwest of Fukow. The fact of its being in the hands of the Northerners point to their counter-offensive against the Cantonites being continued. Chuchow's proximity to Nanking accounts for gun-firing being heard on the River, and it must be presumed that both sides are still fighting.

Cantonese Holding On.

The Northerners are bombing Fukow and Hsiaokwan (a suburb of Nanking) but, on the other hand, it should be noted that no more Southerners are retreating from the north bank of the River, through Nanking.

Summing up, the position is not in favour of the Cantonese but the Northern advance seems to have been partly checked.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Opinion in London Circles.

London, April 11.

If the Soviet Embassy is withdrawn from Peking as a consequence of Chang Tsolin's police raid it is the opinion of diplomatic circles in London that this would be regarded as an open declaration by Russia of partisanship in the Chinese civil war.

The "Daily Telegraph" says

that Litvinoff's note bespeaks in every line the baffled rage of a defeated culprit.—Reuter.

French Opinion.

Paris, April 11.

"Pertinax" describes the Soviet Note to Peking as feeble.



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E. V. JESSEN,  
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Hong Kong Station, April 7, 1927.

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Doctor Greig c/o Bluefunnel, from Dundee.

E. A. LEGGATT,  
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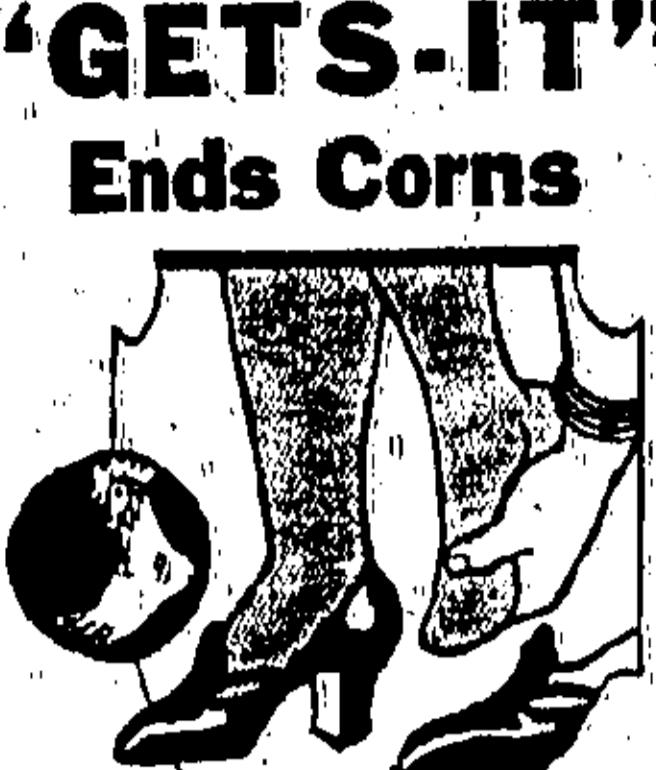
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Hong Kong, 11th April, 1927.

## MEDICAL STUDENTS.

## LOCAL VARSITY GRADUATES' ACTIVITIES.

## "CADUCEUS" ARTICLES.

The March number of "The Caduceus," the journal of the Hong Kong University Medical Society, contains a review of activities and articles on medical questions.

The past year having produced the first lady graduate in Medicine at the University, it is fitting that reference should be made in the "Caduceus."

"Mias Eva Ho Tung," the journal states, "has the unique honour of being our first woman graduate in Medicine, and she seems to be a fitting representative of that type of women students whose diligence and steadiness have won for them the name in slang parlance of 'members of the slogger tribe.' Such an epithet given doubtless by some envious male is no reproach, for did not a well-known writer once say that 'Genius is work?' The ability of prolonged concentration of mind at will is surely a large part of genius if not genius itself."

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The "Caduceus" contains the following articles: "Some observations on the practice of medicine as a profession," by Dr. R. E. Tottenham; an article on certain aspects of medical work in the army, by Col. R. R. Lewis; "Kala-Azaz," by Dr. F. Clark; "Negri Bodies and Rabies," by Dr. E. P. Minett; "A new era in the treatment of cholera," by Dr. A. Cannon; "The Kennedy and "Autopsy"—its place in Medicine," by Dr. M. B. Osman and "Clinical Notes," by Prof. K. H. Digby.

## Changes In Staff.

The following items appear under News and Comments:—

Our Professor of Anatomy went on furlough on December 11, 1926. We understand that during Professor Shellshar's absence, the teaching of anatomy will be carried on by Dr. R. J. Wong, M.B., Ch.M.

We welcome the arrival of Dr. T. Y. Li, who has just completed sixteen months of travel studies under the Rockefeller Foundation.

Dr. Li has returned here to take up the post of Assistant to the Professor of Medicine. During the tenure of his fellowship, Dr. Li studied at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases, and later took the D.T.M.&H. (Eng.).

He was for about six months at the Glasgow Royal Sick Children's Hospital studying pediatrics.

He also did some work in America at the Johns Hopkins Medical School under Professor Longcope.

Dr. M. B. Osman after sixteen

months of travel studies under the Rockefeller Foundation has returned to take up the post of Assistant to the Professor of Pathology. He studied at Edinburgh and Baltimore.

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## AN "AIR SCRUM."

## COMING NEW YORK-PARIS FLIGHT.

London, April 11.

There is a likelihood of an air "scrum" within the next few weeks to obtain the honour of flying from New York to Paris. According to New York reports Commander Byrd, the Polar Flyer, expects to leave in May flying in the three-engined biplane "American Legion," built secretly in record time and tested yesterday to the consternation of other competitors, which include a single-engined monoplane designed by an Italian.

It is also probable that the French ace, M. Fonck, will compete.

Rauter.

## PARIS RAID.

## MILITARY SECRETS FOR "3RD POWER?"

Paris, April 11.

The police raid on the Communist headquarters is expected to be followed by further arrests. The prisoners are accused only of espionage. There is no suggestion of any political plot against the Government.

According to "Le Matin" the information collected from the accused concerns the manufacture of artillery shells and aeroplanes but there are traces of any very serious leakage of information yet found.

Over a hundred persons are said to be involved. Apparently the information collected was sent to Russia, whence it was passed on to a "Third Power." Reuter.

## HOSPITAL COMFORTS.

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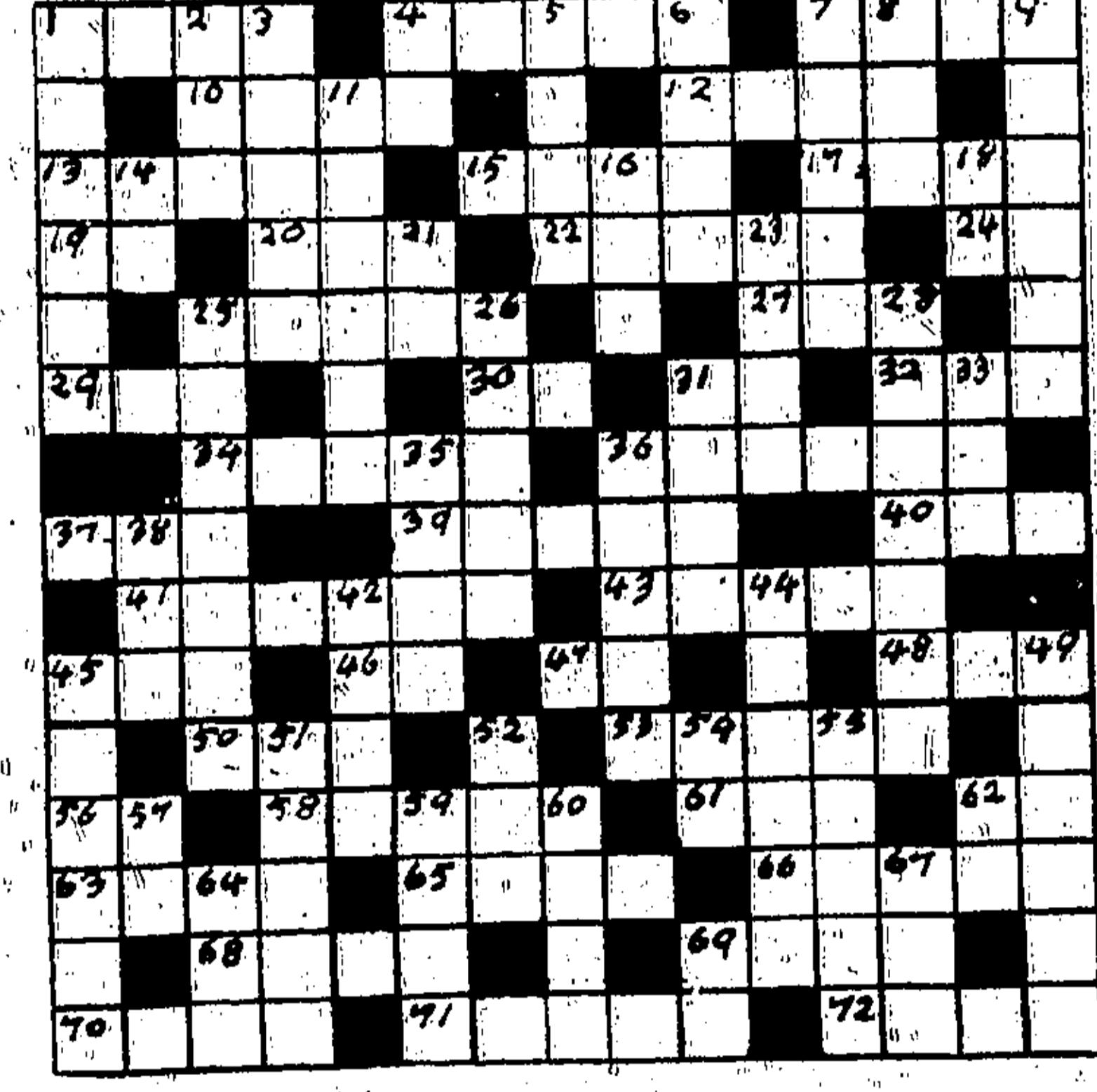
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BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.
KANAGAWA MARU ..... Saturday, 23rd April.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.
TOTTORI MARU ..... Wednesday, 27th April.
RANGOON MARU ..... Saturday, 30th April.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
MORIOKA MARU ..... Sunday, 1st May.
PENANG MARU ..... Thursday, 21st April.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
MUSHIMA MARU ..... Saturday, 23rd April.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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## IS STRANDING COLLISION?

anything which was not water would be covered.

Verdict for Plaintiff.

In the course of giving judgement in favour of the plaintiffs, Mr. Justice Roche said that the question in dispute was one of considerable novelty and difficulty, and that beyond this particular case he was not deciding the question of what was meant by a collision. He was only deciding whether this was a collision within the meaning of the policy. His Lordship also said that for many purposes, and in some Acts of Parliament and many documents, the word "collision" was construed in a sense much narrower than was necessary to include this casualty within its ambit, but in this case the ultimate question rested upon the test: "Was contact with an ordinary natural feature a collision within the meaning of this policy or was it not?"

Mr. Justice Roche then said that in his judgment it was within the policy, because the document said "any object," and then went on to include another natural object—water.

In stating the parties had given a meaning to the clause in respect to these two natural objects which His Lordship thought showed the right way of construction, and therefore in his view, rocks on the ground were included.

## FIELD GUN FIRE.

Four inch field gun practice will be carried out by Naval units from Stonecutters Island, on a target at Chungkuei Hue Island, this afternoon and to-morrow (beginning at 9.30 a.m.).

Chungkuei Hue is the island just inside Kapeiunum (western entrance of the harbour) with a large patch of white painted on the cliff, to indicate Mu Wan light.

## SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 50 ocean-going merchant vessels in Hong Kong harbour, of which number 20 fly the British flag.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day there were 9 arrivals (2 British) and 14 departures (4 British).

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. &amp; O. s.s. "Mantua" from Hong Kong arrived London on April 8, at 8 a.m.

The P. &amp; O. s.s. "Kashgar" from Hong Kong arrived Marseilles on April 9, at 7 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on April 9, and is due here on April 29.

The E. I. s.s. "Takliva" left Singapore for this port on April 8, p.m., and is due here to-morrow, at about 7 a.m.

The P. &amp; O. s.s. "Jeypore" left Singapore for this port on April 10, at 4 p.m., with the outward mails, and is due here on April 16, at about 6 p.m.

The s.s. "President Taft" (Capt. C. M. Cochrane) arrived here from Los Angeles San Francisco, Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai, with 88 cabin and 404 steerage passengers (of which 33 cabin and 256 steerage passengers are for Hong Kong); 165 bags of mail and 1,700 tons of cargo will also be discharged here.

## PASSENGER LIST.

## ARRIVAL.

Passenger arrived at Hong Kong on April 12, by the "President Taft" from San Francisco and Shanghai, were—Mr. K. H. Ammeller, Mr. J. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Miss E. P. Mrs. G. A. and R. A. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Byram, Mrs. Belbin, Mr. W. W. Burrell, Mr. Chin Mon-kar, Mrs. Chin Yee Shue, Mr. and Mrs. Christensen, Mr. Chin Sui-chor, Mr. Cheung Ting, Mr. M. A. Chin, Mr. S. Dichtner, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hillen, Mr. Gaxandras, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hulbert, Dr. Mary L. James, Mr. Kwong Cheung, Mr. A. Kwon Mr. and Mrs. R. R. and the Misses A. and L. Lenzmann, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lau, Mr. Leung Pu-hong, Mr. Leung Kwok-hin, Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. Moi Ah-keen, Mr. Shu Shae, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stahl, Miss L. Schouder, Mr. Tang Sun-cheun, Mrs. Tong, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith, Mr. Wong Kwei.

## DEPARTURES.

Passenger sailed from Hong Kong on April 11 by the "Khym" for Singapore, London and ports, were—Mr. Anders, Cmdr. E. O. Broadley, Mr. W. P. Bruce, Mr. D. Burling, Miss Cartwright, Mrs. E. M. Miss J. A. and Mrs. J. A. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clarke, Mr. W. G. Clark, Mrs. L. Day, Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Digby, Mr. N. J. Elbrow, Mrs. M. Evans, Lieut. Comdr. Fanshaw, Mr. Y. L. Fong, Mr. S. Y. Fong, Mr. H. W. Fowler, Mrs. Gibson, Mr. P. C. Gunnigham, Mr. W. O. Haslett, Mr. and Mrs. Hulscher, Mr. Wm. Johnston, Mr. W. A. Lee Warren, Rev. Michael, Mr. F. P. Morley, Mr. D. Murphy, Mr. Neely, Mr. and Mrs. G. Oliver, Rev. Bro. Paul, Mr. J. P. Pearson, Mr. Wm. Ritchie, Miss Sanssen, Miss Sparks, Miss M. J. Stewart, Lieut. Comdr. Thompson, Mr. Tolison, Mr. J. Wallace, Surg. Comdr. and Mrs. Williams.

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DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.	
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MALWA	10,947	30th April	Marseilles, London & London
LAHORE	6,255	11th May	Syros, Piraeus, Colombo, B'bay & K'chi
NELLORE	6,853	11th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JEYPORE	9,314	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	Syros, Piraeus, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,005	1st June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANTUA	10,002	15th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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KHIVA	9,135	18th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
SANTHIA	7,754	22nd April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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## THE ECONOMIC FACTOR IN CHINA.

The "China Mail" publishes to-day the second of the series of six lectures in which the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen explained his three principles of Democracy and Nationalism. This lecture deals with the economic factor in China as it was seen by "The Father of the Republic."

## SECOND LECTURE.

## The Rise and Fall of Races.

The prosperity or decay of a people depends primarily on the growth or decrease of its population." Now since history began many peoples, some of them famous, have perished through natural causes. The Chinese people however, has not only not perished through some six thousand years of progress but has increased to its present dimensions. Are we then to assume with some that this progress will continue indefinitely and that as former calamities have failed to destroy us that it will always be so? I am not certain. As far as extinction goes, we shall probably escape that in any case. But progress entails a combination of natural capacity with human effort. Human effort in its most important aspect is directed towards two things, governmental and economic efficiency. These two things are of much greater importance than natural capacity for survival. But our race has drifted so far that they have turned to instruments of oppression, and we are struggling in the deep waters into which they have carried us.

In the past thousand years, the Chinese have twice suffered oppression in the sphere of government by the Mongols and by the Manchus. Neither of these peoples were numerous and they were ultimately absorbed. Now the situation has changed. I have already shown how the foreign nations have grown during the past hundred years, and how they are likely to grow during the next. The Red Indians of America show the natural decay of a race.

Now when a race decays by natural causes, it does so slowly: Political and economic pressure can destroy it with much greater rapidity. This is the immediate danger.

If we can stave off the political and economic control of foreigners for ten years, we may survive. If not, we shall perish just as India has done.

## China of the Past.

When the English destroyed the Indian nation they feared us. Now they do no longer. We have lost much territory, Wei-hai-wei, Port Arthur, Tsingtao, Kowloon and Kwong Chau Wan. After the war the powers were pleased to give back their latest acquisitions, Tsingtao and Wei-hai-wei. These are, however, only minor concessions. The original idea of the powers was that China was helpless and could not govern herself, so they seized the coastal districts intending to partition the country. But after the Revolution they said that China was not quite helpless and they abandoned the idea. When the Revolution broke out some said that it would result in partition, but the reverse has been the case. It was the war between Japan and the Manchus which lost us Korea, Formosa and the Pescadores. It was after a war with France and a Chinese victory at Chan Nam Kwan that the Manchus which foils surrendered. Annam ("The first time" said a Frenchman "that the victors have sued for peace—What strange people you are?") and the English took Burma from us. Then we gave away our northern countries to the Russians. Then there are the Lao Chao Islands, Siam, Po Lo U, the Sulu Archipelago, Java, Ceylon, Nepal, Bhutan, all formerly parts of the Chinese Empire. In those days there was no foreign Imperialism, in Asia only Chinese Imperialism, and the small nations feared us accordingly. Now when the Kwok Man Tong held its assembly in Kwangtung recently, representatives came from Mongolia to see whether this new Government which had been established was imperialistic like its predecessor. When they found what was our attitude on this point, they went away full of praise for us; and all the small weak nations feel the same towards us.

## China's Status.

Since the Revolution the powers have begun to realize the difficulty of a political control of China. They have seen the Manchus despotism give rise to the revolution and they realize that the resistance which we should make to political domination would embarrass them. So they have set their hearts on economic domination. They thought that by abandoning their schemes for political domination they could avoid a collision with one another. It is true that so far as China was concerned they were successful in doing as but in Europe the Balkan Peninsula set them about each other's ears and caused them immense losses besides bringing down the German and Austrian Empires. In spite of this, the imperialism of Europe is as aggressive as ever, even America abandoned the Monroe Doctrine and joined in the war.

Since then Imperialism may have had a temporary setback in Europe. But since the peace our manufacturers have once more been baf-

flered by foreign imports and we can do nothing to protect them—rather the reverse. It is like a war in which one side digs trenches for the enemy to use. In 1921 imports into China exceeded exports by \$60 million dollars, an increase of 2½ times in ten years. In another ten years at the same rate the excess will amount to 1,250 million dollars. That means that China must pay to foreign countries this huge sum for goods alone.

## Foreign Banks.

"Banks are another example of economic oppression. The Chinese of to-day put little faith in their own banks and great faith in foreign banks, and nowhere more so than in Kwang Tung. Notes of Chinese banks used to circulate there, but now silver has taken their place, and even this is at a discount compared with foreign paper. Foreign paper is ousting our silver currency just as it did our bank notes, and there are now tens of millions of dollars in foreign notes circulating in the province. People will not take silver; they prefer foreign notes. The same is true of Shanghai, Tientsin, Hankow and wherever trade enters the country. We are infected with the virus of economic dependence. We have got used to regarding foreigners as millionaires not realizing that they are buying our goods with mere paper. They are not naturally wealthy; much of their wealth is, as it were, a present from us. They only need to print ten million paper dollars and our acceptance turns them into hard cash. For a few cents they can produce a dollar, ten dollars or a hundred dollars, and this cheap product exchanges for solid goods which we bring them. Think for yourselves what a vast sum we lose over the transaction.

Why cannot we do the same?

We trust the foreigner not ourselves, and our paper will not circulate. Then again our people seize their money through foreign banks, and besides commission, these banks make a profit on the exchange and over the difference between dollars and taels—altogether something like two or three per cent. on every transaction. It costs between two and three hundred dollars to remit ten thousand dollars from Canton to Shanghai; and our people incur these losses simply because they are cursed with the economic domination of outsiders.

## Interest on Deposits.

Why should we have to claim the Customs Surplus which ought to be ours anyhow? Because the foreigners have seized the customs revenue.

## Dishonest Officials.

Why should we have to pay interest to dishonest officials?

Why should we have to pay interest to the management Chinese?" and then refuse to put their money in it. They do not go to a foreign bank and ask, "Is this bank sound or not?" "What interest does it pay?" but as soon as they are told that the management is in the hands of foreigners and that it has a foreign name, they lose all sense of caution and put their money in it. They do not trouble how small the interest is.

A most remarkable instance was the conduct of the Manchu Royal house, who fearing after the Wuchang outbreak that their property would be confiscated, placed all their resources in foreign banks without interest.

After the defeat of the Imperial troops so much money and valuables were deposited in the foreign banks at Peking by the Manchus that these banks not only refused to pay interest but demanded payment for accepting deposits, and the depositors were so anxious to intrust their property to them that they paid whatever was demanded.

At that time the foreign banks received on deposit fully twelve thousand million dollars (?). Some of this of course was recovered. But some, ten years or so after when Fung Kwok-cheung, Wong Chin-yuen, Leif Tun and Tso Kwan suppressed the Manchu officials the spoils only amounted to a few tens of millions each. They

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HEIMANN.—On April 6, 1927, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Heimann, a daughter.

### MARRIAGE.

PRICE—JONES.—On April 6, 1927, at Shanghai, Arthur Clement, second son of the Rev. W. J. Price, of Ootacamund, South India, to Ray, second daughter of the Rev. J. J. Jones, of Oswestry (Salop).

### DEATHS.

ALEXANDER.—On March 26, 1927, at Peking, Wilfred Archibald Alexander of His Majesty's Service.

BOWDEN.—On April 4, 1927, at Tientsin, Ethelwyn (Wynnie), wife of Rothwell C. Bowden of Shanghai.

BRATH.—On April 7, 1927, at Shanghai, David Brathy Norwegian subject, master of the s.s. "Hsing Shih," aged 53 years.

MAY.—On April 2, 1927, at Shanghai, Rose May, wife of the late Charles May, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Lights Dept., aged 61 years.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, April 12, 1927.

### A UNITED FRONT.

All the efforts to disunite the Powers in relation to the Nanking outrages have failed.

Both Japan and France have joined with America, Great Britain, and Italy in presenting identical Notes to the Nationalist Government demanding the punishment of the commanders of the troops responsible for the outrages, an apology in writing by the Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist armies, and complete reparation for personal injuries and damage done.

No time limit has been set for fulfilment of these demands.

It is anticipated, however, that compensation will be forthcoming.

It is stated that the Nationalists are unlikely to refuse redress for the grave outrages, for which no civilised State would refuse an immediate apology and punishment of the perpetrators, and material compensation for the sufferers.

This, of course, is an optimistic view, which may not be shared by all foreigners.

During the three weeks that have elapsed since the Nanking reign of terror

not one word of regret has come from the Nationalist mouth-piece in Hankow.

On the contrary, efforts have been made to transfer the blame from Nationalist to Northern shoulders.

Even as late as yesterday the Nationalist organ

in Canton characterised the

vitality of Britain as

as great as ever, and while the

heart of the Empire is sound the

great British Commonwealth of

Nations will continue to flourish.

REUTER.

Mr. W. P. Dana was born at

Boston, Mass., in 1883 and studied

at the Ecole des Beaux Arts.

He maintained a studio in New

York City from 1882 to 1870 since

which time he has lived abroad.

He received a gold medal at the

Paris Exposition of 1878 and first

prize for painting at the Pennsylvania Fine Arts Academy in 1881.

REUTER.

**\$800,000,000 BUDGET.**

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The period of the automatic increase of expenditure had ended; and next year if no new commitments were undertaken the automatic decrease of expenditure would almost overtake the increase.

**A Bright Spot.**

After announcing the rearrangement of ministries already mentioned, Mr. Churchill said he saw no reason to alter the estimate of a £6,000,000 yield from the betting tax.

He estimated the income tax at £231,000,000 compared with £254,750,000 last year.

The only bright spot was the receipts for the motor licences duty, namely £24,000,000 compared with £18,000,000 in 1925.

The only war debt settlements still outstanding were with Yugoslavia and Russia. Against £33,000,000 we paid the United States last year we had received £17,500,000 from Germany and our allies. He estimated the receipts this year from this source at £25,000,000.

**Saving in Interest.**

In connection with war debts, Mr. Churchill said that taking into account the altered rate of exchange inter alia there was a £75,000,000 reduction in debt interest compared with five years ago which was equivalent to one-fifth of the annual interest burden.

Mr. Churchill said he never dreamed of meeting the 1927 deficit by a partial suspension of the sinking fund. With regard to the latter he reminded the House that it was confronted with a deficit of between £35,000,000 and £40,000,000, namely a prospective one and a substantial part of the old one.

Mr. Churchill proceeded to outline changes in income tax collection methods which did not affect the basis of assessment.

**Tighter Income Tax Laws.**

With a view to closing loopholes which enabled taxpayers to avoid part of the income tax, the Government had invited the co-operation of the Government of the Channel Islands in preventing loss in the case of migrants to Jersey and Guernsey.

The section of the Finance Act dealing with avoidance of super-tax through the medium of a one-man company and in connection with the sale of securities would be strengthened.

Other steps would be taken in connection with the avoidance of payment of income tax and estate duty. Improved machinery would be proposed to enable income tax recovery in respect of copyright payments to non-resident playwrights, authors and the like.

**Fresh Taxation.**

Mr. Churchill, turning to new taxation proposals, said that under the Safeguarding of Industries procedure there would be a duty of 28s. per cwt. for five years on tableware of translucent and vitrified pottery, which it was estimated would bring in £200,000 a year.

All imported motor tyres would be brought within the scope of the McKenna duties immediately, and Empire tyres would receive a rebate of one-third.

One foreign firm was already established here, and another was likely to come.

The customs and excise duty on matches, which last year reached £3,500,000 would be raised to approximately 20 per cent., and rates would be imposed according to the contents of the box instead of per 10,000 matches.

The new tax was expected to yield £700,000 a year.

**Duties on Wines.**

Although the duties on wines had been doubled in 1920 the consumption of wine was 50 per cent. above the pre-war figure for 1921, but all classes of wine had not advanced equally. Port had gained the most, at the probable expense of whiskey.

Under substantial preference in 1925 sweet wines had made a remarkable success. Sparkling wine was below the pre-war level. He therefore proposed that non-Empire wines containing over 25 degrees proof spirit should pay 8s. instead of 6s. a gallon, and under 25 degrees 3s. instead of 2s. 6d.

The corresponding rates on Empire wines above and below 25 degrees would be 4s. and 2s. respectively.

He expected the duties to yield £1,500,000 in the year. The rates would operate on April 25 and restricted clearances would cease on April 26.

**Women Smokers.**

Mr. Churchill created laughter by referring to the birth of the new wine industry, "where there are no vineyards in Britain." He explained that science and enterprise had enabled the importation of the juice of the crop and thus avoid duty. He therefore proposed an excise duty of 1s. a gallon on British wines.

**FALSE ALARMS.****MOTOR HORN LIKE POLICE WHISTLE.**

The owner of a motor car was this morning fined \$10 by Major Wilson for using a Bosch electric horn.

Sub-Inspector Alexander said that the objection to this kind of horn was that besides being very noisy, it sounded like a police whistle and the police from various stations have very often turned out to find there has been a false alarm.

Sgt. Hawkins told the owner had been requested to discontinue the use of this horn and he had promised to do so.

A similar summons against the driver of the car was dismissed.

**THE PYRAMIDS.****THE GREATEST WONDER OF THE WORLD.****MYSTERIOUS SYMBOLISM.**

There are, in Egypt—land of romance and mystery—many so-called Pyramids, writes C.H.B.F. in the "Weekly Scotsman." The majority of these funerary erections have but a vulgar claim to the title, being little more than mounds of earth and stone. The Pyramids, however, five in number, are to be found, one at Meidum, three at Gizeh, and one at Dahshur. There were several others, not so great perhaps, of which we know through records, but of these no trace may now be found, due doubtless to the rascally purloining from their fabric, by swindling contractors, of stones which needed little or no transportation to the immediate job on hand. A constant repetition of this sort of thing, just as dripping water will wear away the solid rock, has reduced the unfortunate structures concerned to nothingness and memory. And there are others which are tumbling down shells. Had it not been for the spite of contemporaries and succeeding enemies and for the destructive thieving of scoundrel Arabs, these once beautiful Mastabas would have assumed a vaster importance to the antiquary than they can ever hope to do.

The afore-mentioned five massive monuments, however, are happily still externally intact, and vary from 170 to 481 feet, which is the stupendous height attained by the greatest of them all—the glorious Pyramid of Gizeh, one of three magnificent temples of death. The wind and rain of countless centuries have played havoc with their sturdy abric, but the sight of them today instills into the mind of the watcher a feeling of awe and reverence for the master-minds of those far-off days, to whose zeal and skill the present monuments bear copious and enduring testimony.

**The Great Pyramid.**

Let us concentrate upon the Great Pyramid. This magnificent triumph was built by Khufu or Cheops, one of the early Pharaohs 6500 years ago, or 4700 years before the dawn of Christianity. By virtue of its magnitude it bears the proudest title of any known building, for it is this same structure which we call the "First and Greatest Wonder of the World." And rightly so, for it is not only great in size, being without exception the biggest solid monument in the universe, but great also in conception and management. It was, as its marvellously accurate measurements to-day bear witness, some 481 feet in height, and each of its four sides measured 755 feet along the ground, giving its base an area of 570,000 square feet, of 13 acres, about thrice the area of St. Peter's at Rome, and it is even 50 feet higher than that remarkable building. Or, to bring home the comparison, the Great Pyramid is 150 feet higher than our own St. Paul's Cathedral. The interior arrangement and intricacy, and the high finish of the workmanship brand it as the greatest architectural achievement of man—a claim which can be substantiated on a thousand grounds.

To convey a rough idea of the extreme accuracy of the architects, I should state that learned present-day professors have computed the error in the sides of its base to be only six-tenths of an inch out from a perfect square. Six-tenths of an inch wrong in seven hundred and fifty-five feet: what a performance!!!

In circuit the Great Pyramid is roughly two-thirds of a mile, and its four sides which face, respectively, due north, south, east, and west, are each five and a half acres in area, giving to the whole mass the remarkable and perhaps unparalleled capacity of ninety million cubic feet.

**Construction Problem.**

The problem of the transportation from their quarries some hundreds of miles away (about the length of Great Britain), of the huge blocks of granite, diorite, and basalt of which the Pyramid is constructed, the assembling of these blocks weighing from sixteen to thirty tons each, and their placing in position remains still much of an historical mystery. The details were probably preserved in the great library at Alexandria but would perish in the fire which laid waste that centre of ancient lore and learning. We know for a certainty, however, that the passages through solid rock were bored by tubular drills acting on the same principle as those we use to-day, and the comment together of the massive blocks was accomplished so delicately that one is in many instances defied to discover the joinings. Then, the

cutting to size of the blocks was done by means of saw-edged bronze, toothed with corundum or the costly diamond.

The accepted solution, however, to the otherwise baffling enigma of the Pyramid's erection seems to be that when the stones of the base were placed in position, a sloping platform of dried mud and rubbish was built to the top of this first layer, and up this slope the stones of the second tier were dragged upon rollers. On the completion of this second tier the slope would be heightened and lengthened to allow of the comparatively easy management of the third tier on the completion of which the platform process would be repeated. Of course, as the Pyramid grew in height so would the slope grow in height and length until ultimately it must have extended some miles into the desert, assuming a gradual ascent from ground level to the extreme height of 481 feet when the apex stone was proudly swung into position, the crowning detail of a marvellous achievement.

No less than 100,000 slaves are known to have been engaged in this gigantic and highly successful undertaking, and the period of its building was thirty years.

**Inside the Pyramid.**

Entrance to the Pyramid is effected through an opening some way up the northern side. The passageway takes a steep earthward course, leading eventually to a pit placed almost centrally under this terrific mountain of stone. The passage is really in the nature of a "blind," for nothing of importance was ever intended to be stored in the subterranean cavity. Just about the base of the pyramid on ground level, a great granite plug was placed in the roof of the descending passageway effectively concealing from unauthorised eyes another passage branching upwards from the earthbound channel, and conducting one to a horizontal passage at the end of which was placed the sarcophagus of the King's consort. At the junction of this horizontal passage with the ascending passage there commenced a great high gallery sloping upwards into the very heart of the Pyramid, and leading to the sepulchral chamber containing the powerful Pharaoh's embalmed body, surrounded by all the majority and mummery of death.

"It is no mean achievement to climb the massive and rugged mountain of stone, for the blocks are several feet high, and it is more or less a scramble to the top, accompanied by more perspiring and temper-ruffing skin rapping than is good for the soul. The summit, worn flat by the feet of countless pilgrims, is become a platform from which, as a just reward to all intrepid mountaineers, a magnificent view may be obtained. On the sandy plain, at a dizzy distance below, are dotted shapes of lumbering camels, accompanied by their chattering Arabs, and the great flowing river, each going about its Master's business. Down there, on the sand, are the other Pyramids, and in close proximity is the Sphinx, a huge rock, 189 feet long, carved ungerringly into the shape of a lion bearing a woman's head, chipped, lined, and weather-beaten. It is thought that this undoubted masterpiece of sculpture was expressly treated out of a handy rock to guard the entrance to the fruitful valley

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During the Easter holidays, Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., will be open as usual on Saturday. On Good Friday and Easter Monday, all departments will be closed with the exception of the dispensary, in which prescriptions can be filled between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

A class of instruction in "Home Nursing" is being formed by the St. John Ambulance Brigade and will be held at the Helena May Institute, commencing May 4 at 6.15 p.m. Dr. (Mrs.) E. M. Minett, M.D., B.S., D.P.H., has kindly consented to act as lecturer. A practical demonstration in connection with the "Home Nursing" class will be given at the Matilda Hospital on Friday, April 22, at 3.30 p.m.

In compliance with the Yacht Racing Association's new rules as to cutting down the masts and sail spread of yachts exceeding seventy feet, it is reported at Cowes that orders have been given for shortening the mast and topmast of the King's cutter "Britannia." The Royal yacht will not, however, go into commission until July 1, thus missing the East Coast, Clyde, and Belfast regattas. As at present arranged, "Britannia's" opening racing engagements will be at the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club's regatta at Falmouth on July 15 and 16.

Estate in Hong Kong to the value of \$232,000 and considerable estate in Shanghai was left by Mr. G. D. Coutts, late of Shanghai, a re-sealing of whose will and a codicil has been granted to Mr. L. D. Turner, Solicitor and Attorney of the executors, Messrs. R. N. Macleod and R. G. MacDonald, both of Shanghai. Included among the bequests is one of 120,000 taels for his step-daughter, Miss G. R. Irving, now known as Mrs. Coutts, and others of 60,000 taels to each of his two sisters. By the codicil, 5,000 taels is left to Mr. R. G. MacDonald. To various servants he left 600 taels each and a further sum of 2,000 taels is to be divided among other house and office servants in his employ at the time of death.

Mr. A. C. Bryson left Shanghai by the Lloyd Triestino str. "Reno." He expects to be away for nine months.

Mr. Marl Foss of the Victor X-Ray Corporation has returned to Shanghai after one year's absence spent in British and Dutch East Indies.

Mr. D. Burlingham, Deputy Superintendent of Police in Hong Kong, and Mrs. Burlingham, went on Home leave yesterday by the "Khyber."

Comdr. E. O. Broadley, D.S.O. of H.M.S. "Hermes" left Hong Kong yesterday on the P. & O.'s "Khyber" for Home, after service on the China Station.

Mrs. I. Day (the wife of the tutor in electrical engineering at the University) was a passenger on the Homebound "Khyber" sailed from Hong Kong yesterday.

In the ballot by the Straits Settlements (Singapore) Association for candidate for Municipal Commission, Mr. C. C. Dunnigan polled 240 and Mr. H. J. Fougerre 208. Over 68 per cent. of the active members voted.

Mr. Greenland was elected president of the Royal Society of St. George, Tientsin branch, at its annual meeting, and Mr. E. J. Nathan vice-president; Mr. G. W. Fisk, hon. secretary and treasurer. The following were elected to the committee: Messrs. Lionel Smith, W. G. Parkin, H. F. Barnes, K. de C. Longmire, and L. Stedman.

Blue, her favourite colour, has been chosen by the Duchess of York for her boudoir in her new home in Piccadilly, and the same colour is to predominate in the principal drawing-room (says the "Evening Standard"). At White Lodge the drawing-room floor was covered with a dead black carpet, but the Duchess has decided against this as being unsuitable to London.

Lord Provost Stevenson, of Edinburgh, received a letter from Lord Stamfordham on February 24 intimating that Their Majesties the King and Queen have now decided that they will be in residence at Holyrood from Saturday, July 9, to Monday, July 18. During the period of their stay, which will include two Sundays, a number of public functions, it is understood, will be undertaken by their Majesties. Though in the meantime nothing in the nature of a definite programme has been arranged, the Scottish National War Memorial ceremony in Edinburgh Castle is expected to occupy an important place in the list of Royal engagements.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. E. A. Ribelov (clerk, General Post Office), No. 826, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss L. A. Mattos, No. 436, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

A decree nisi was granted Mrs.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.**

Holidays will be observed by the local exchange banks on Friday, Saturday (Sunday) and Monday, April 16 to 18 inclusive, when no public business will be transacted.

From six claims at the new diamond fields at Grasfontein, Transvaal, diamonds worth more than £50,000 have been recovered. The hole in which they have been found is 25ft. deep and shows no signs of exhaustion. The six claims were originally bought for £1,100. The adjoining claims have proved valueless.



HENRY EDWARD KEUDELL

Dr. von Keudell, who is Home Secretary in the new Marx Ministry, occupies the key post in the new German cabinet.

West-end furriers state that Judge Sir Alfred Tobin was wide of the mark when he asked, in the Westminster County Court, "What sort of husband buys a £250 fur coat?" The furriers say that the average fashionable woman pays from 500 to 600 guineas for her coat, and some women do not consider spending £1,000 as extravagant. A special Chincilla coat was sold recently for 6,000 guineas. Leading shops expect to sell daily an average of five fur coats at £100 apiece.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.**

Mr. and Mrs. G. Burton Sayer have left Shanghai for Home on furlough by the Glen Line steamer "Glengarry."

Mrs. E. M. Clark, headmistress of the Victoria British School, sailed from Hong Kong yesterday with her two children, on the "Khyber." They are spending long leave at Home.



PROFESSOR K. H. DIGBY

Professor K. H. Digby (Professor of Surgery at the University) and Mrs. Digby went on Home leave yesterday on the P. & O. s.s. "Khyber."

The Hong Kong passengers on the "Khyber" when she sailed for London via Singapore yesterday included the Rev. Brother Paul, the Rev. Brother Michael, Lt.-Comdr. Thompson, Surgeon Comdr. and Mrs. Williams and Miss M. J. Stewart.

After a period of service as the "captain" of H.M.S. "Moorhen" on the West River, Lt.-Comdr. A. B. Fanshawe, R.N., sailed for England yesterday on the "Khyber." This officer was very popular on the river and delta and had his full share of experiences with pirates.

Mr. M. M. Magill has returned to take charge of the retail store of the Chinese-American Publishing Co., Shanghai, and assumed his duties on April 1. For the past several months, Mr. Magill has been touring Europe and America and has kept in touch with the literary trend in the many countries he has visited.

Through passengers arrived at Hong Kong to-day on the "President Taft" from San Francisco included:—(for Manila) Mr. J. S. Colbath (engineer with Benguet Mining Co.) and Mrs. Colbath, Mr. Robert Maes (an Antwerp merchant) and Mrs. Maes (for Java) Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hubert, Mr. S. Dithmer and Miss L. Schoedler, all of the General Motors, Ltd. of Java, who are transhipping here.

It seems hardly credible that the Prince of Wales refused the more elaborate items on the menu at the Mansion House banquet, contenting himself with a plate of cold beef, with the idea of, as has been suggested, keeping his weight down (observes an "Evening Standard" writer). Unlike the Prince of Wales of rather more than a century ago, his Royal Highness does not suffer from any superfluity of flesh, rather, in fact, the reverse. He takes simple instead of rich dishes for the excellent reason that he prefers them. Champagne he drinks very rarely indeed, choosing, usually, a whisky and soda. At a public lunch in the North of England last year the Prince, somewhat to the dismay of his hosts, made a meal of cheese and biscuits and what Charles Dickens called a "prong of celery."

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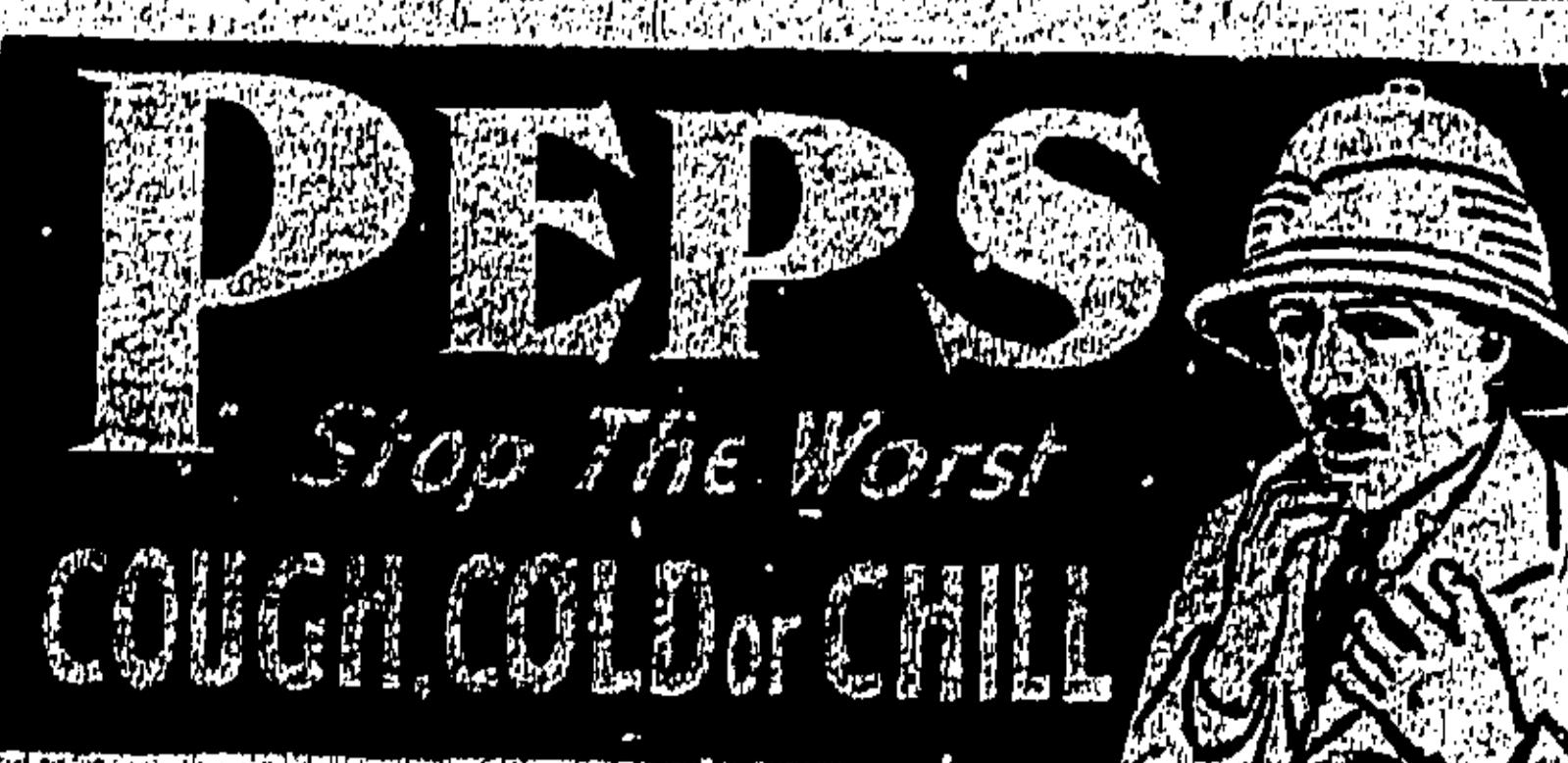
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## SPORTS SECTION

## H.K.C.C. TENNIS.

TOURNAMENT RESUMED YESTERDAY.

CHAMPIONS DISAPPOINT.

Expectations of tennis of high standard were not realised yesterday when the annual Hong Kong Cricket Club tournament was resumed after several days' rain.

T. Honda (holder) won his match in straight sets in the open singles but was not at his best against an opponent who was overawed by the occasion.

M. K. Lo was partnered by Horace Lo and won in four sets after a disappointing display. Ng Sze-kwong (champion till 1923) and his brother also won in the doubles but were not as good as anticipated.

G. C. and Mrs. Stark have now reached the semi-finals of the mixed doubles (champions).

## Yesterday's Results.

Open Singles. (2nd round)—T. Honda beat J. Cassimbe 6-4, 6-2; H. Lo beat Lau Man-kwong 6-3, 6-1, 6-0.

Open Doubles. (2nd round)—M. K. Lo and Horace Lo beat H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Garrard 6-1.

## HOME SOCCER.

LONDON, April 11.  
In division III (northern section) of the Football League today, Ashington and Stockport played a draw (at Ashington), each side scoring a goal. Reuter.

## "U. &amp; I." CUP.

## RACE FOR YACHT CLUB CRUISERS.

## WON BY "LA CIGALE."

"La Cigale" won the "U. and I." Cup, presented by Mr. H. S. Rouse for a race by the cruisers of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

In the season's championship, Mr. Rouse's yacht won after a tie (and a re-sail) with "Coquette," "La Cigale" being a good third.

When the race was sailed on Sunday, conditions favoured the winner, the scratch boat of the "fleet." The course of 18.75 miles was from the Club to Tatting Rock (sport), mark on Club line (starboard), Kowloon Rock (s.), Channel Rocks (s.), finish at the Club. Details follow:

TIME	Finishing Corrected
(1st) La Cigale (Mr. N. V. A. Croucher) 2:42:44	2:42:44
(2nd) Coquette (Mr. H. Dreyer) ...	3:44:06
(3rd) "Norwegian" (Messrs. Ryan & Edwards) ...	3:23:44
(4th) Queen Bee (L. G. Cook Jr., E. L. G. Green and Capt. E. S. G. Howard) ...	4:33:11
(5th) Iris (Messrs. Fetham, and Verhall) ...	4:51:37
Feathers ... did not finish.	4:50:04

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## AMERICAN SPORTSMANSHIP.

To the Editor of the "China Mail":

Sir.—Your readers will no doubt be interested to read of the excellent sportsmanship shown by George Young, the Canadian swimmer who defeated all in the Catalina channel sweep.

All the day of the contest radio-messages were coming in that the 17 year old boy was heading and the excitement ran high. Everybody was pulling for George. As midnight approached some fifty thousand people flocked to Point Vicente, and after waiting a number of hours on the beach the tiny "flicker" of George's boat light could be seen.

The people simply went wild shouting encouragement and hoping the lucky boy would win.

People of both sexes and of all ages appear to have participated in Shrove Tuesday football, which lingered on until about 1850 in spite of all the odium which attached to it. When it is considered that many accidents, some of them fatal, occurred, and that considerable damage was done to property in connection with Shrove Tuesday football, it is somewhat surprising that football has survived.

Early football must assuredly have been no game for weaklings, and because of the almost riotous behaviour of the players it was not looked upon with favour by the authorities. As far as can be ascertained, the game was tolerated until 1814, when it was banned by Edward II, because of "the great noise in the city caused by hustling over large balls."

Apart from the violent and even brutal nature of the football of those days, the claims of archery caused laws to be passed prohibiting the game. In the reigns of Edward III and Richard II, football was referred to as one of the pastimes to be forbidden on account of the decadence of archery. Laws against football were also passed by Henry VIII and Elizabeth.

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## LOCAL RUGGER.

The fixture between the Hong Kong Football Club (rugby section) and the Engine Room Artificers for yesterday was not played as the Club team did not turn out in full.

Yesterday the colliers of H.M.S. "Frobisher" defeated the rest of the ship's company by 13 points to nil. The winners scored a goal and a try in the first half and a goal in the second.

## FLEET CRICKET.

On the Naval cricket ground at Happy Valley, H.M.S. "Hermes" defeated H.M.S. "Dragon" in a friendly match by an innings and 30 runs. Scores—

"Hermes" 86 runs, Lee 33; Want 4 wkt., 25.

"Dragon" 19 runs, Exon 2 for 7, Lee 6 for 7. Drake performed the "hat trick."

"Dragon" (2nd innings) 31 runs, Watson 3 for 1, Duran 5 for 3.

## HOCKEY CLUB WIN.

Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI defeated H.M.S. "Tamar" and Small Ships at the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday by 2 goals to nil. W. Woodward scoring both goals in the second half.

At outside left, Atkinson played a fine game for the losers. Dale (a United Services player) was at centre-forward and Hunt (centre-half) also did well.

The Club middle line (Dand, Mitchell and Sim) were very effective while Duncan (back) and Simpson (forward) justified expectations.

N. G. Farquharson, a freshman at Cambridge, is likely to prove another useful lawn tennis find. He leapt into prominence by beating W. H. Powell, the Light Blues' captain, in the final round of the open hard court singles for the Rootham Cup. Like J. J. Leppard, Farquharson hails from South Africa.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

## LANDMARKS IN EVOLUTION OF THE GAME.

## FROM ODIOUS TO ESTEEM.

"Nothing but beastly fury" was how a sixteenth century writer described the football of his time; "The best of all games" is what hundreds of thousands of people would say of either Rugby or Association football to-day.

The story of the evolution of football from a pastime deservedly in bad repute into the two most popular winter sports is remarkable in many ways, and though in this article it is the development of Rugby football from the old-time game that is dealt with, that does not mean that the rise of Association football is less interesting.

The origin of football is lost in the mists of antiquity; all that we know is that pastimes bearing some relation to the modern game were in existence in ancient times amongst such peoples as the Greeks and the Romans.

Even regarding the beginning of football in Britain more than one theory has been advanced, but as no written reference is known to have been made to football in Britain before the twelfth century, its previous history in this country must be regarded as largely synonymous with tradition.

The popular view is that football was introduced into Britain by the Roman legions, who "are held to have been familiar with a pastime resembling the modern Association game. On the other hand, it has been asserted that a variety of football has been played in Ireland for more than 2,000 years. That opinion is, however, more prevalent in Ireland than anywhere else.

Shrove Tuesday Football.

About the year 1175 William Fitzstephen, in his "History of London," mentions the young men of the city going into the fields after dinner on Shrove Tuesday to play at the well-known game of ball. The question of how the game became identified with Shrove Tuesday has never been satisfactorily answered, but that date in early times marked the football festival of the year.

People of both sexes and of all ages appear to have participated in Shrove Tuesday football, which lingered on until about 1850 in spite of all the odium which attached to it. When it is considered that many accidents, some of them fatal, occurred, and that considerable damage was done to property in connection with Shrove Tuesday football, it is somewhat surprising that football has survived.

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Rugby School rules arose the Rugby football of to-day.

A reason for the game played at Rugby School becoming more popular than those at, for instance Eton, Harrow, or Winchester, was the reputation of Rugby School under Dr. Thomas Arnold, the father of Matthew Arnold. Dr. Arnold's influence as headmaster of Rugby from 1828 to 1842 was such as to give that institution a supreme place amongst English public schools, "snapping and throwing."

Special types of football were played at various schools, the nature of these games being determined by the characteristics of individual grounds. At Rugby School which had a large grass field for football, the charging, tackling, and throwing associated with football when adopted by the schools were retained. Even intentional kicking of an opponent's legs was not abolished at Rugby until 1877.

About the middle of last century football, up till that time a recognised game only amongst schoolboys, was established as a sport for men. Having played the game as schoolboys, and desiring to continue playing their favourite sport, men instituted clubs after leaving school, and others joined them. At first rules were few and sketchy, but a number of clubs when formed adopted the code governing football at Rugby School.

The senior club of the London district, Blackheath, was formed in 1860, and before that date football had taken root in Scotland. Previous to 1870 Rugby football clubs had been established in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Ireland, South Wales, and at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. The old belief in the possibility of "crossing" the trend of events.

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Who, touching wood, is aware that he is but indulging in the ritual of the Aryan Tree-worshipers?

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Few of us fail to believe in the good luck that attends the finding of a horseshoe. It has become a symbol, yet the horse shoe was originally not the bringer of luck but rather a protection against ill-fortune, and was nailed over the threshold as a charm against the machinations of witchcraft.

The new knowledge that has come to us with the developments of science and the manifestations of a new era of wonder has failed to eradicate inherited superstitions, or to rob the old world of its belief in primitive magic.

"Plus en change, plus c'est la même chose."

## MAGIC MASCOTS.

## SYMBOLS FOR DODGING ILL-LUCK.

## THE THIRTEENTH GUEST.

We live in an age of "mascots" (wives Winifred Wilson in "The Referee"). Never ago, aero-plane, however tested and trusted its marvelously engine, sets out on a new route through the blue without some true believer's gift in the shape of a black cat or a teddy bear, or some goliath-like grotesque to charm it safely on its flight and to insure its safe arrival at some distant dot on the map of the globe.

The belief in mascots "as luck-bringers received a great impulse during the War when to their miraculous intervention men, as they thought, came through unscathed more than one Valley of the Shadow.

The fact that others died notwithstanding mascots with which lived and endowed them does not disturb the belief existing in the minds of survivors.

The making of motor-car mascots has become a big business that no

Number of Accidents

on the roads or on the racing track can drive into liquidation.

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**RADIO TOPICS****INVISIBLE RAY.****PENETRATION OF FOG  
AT SEA.****TELEVISION PROGRESS.**

Interesting researches are being made by Mr. John L. Baird for applying his wonderful discovery of the infra-red, or invisible, ray to the penetration of fog.

"Blue, or ultra-violet rays," he explained to a representative of "The Observer," will hardly penetrate fog at all; yellow penetrate it a little, and red still more, but the infra-red rays are very much better than any.

"At the present time we are working in conjunction with experts on lighting for the application of the infra-red rays to lighthouses, so that it will be possible to signal ships in times of fog. It might be possible, also, though it is difficult and sometimes unwise to prophesy, to apply these rays, with a development of the televiser, to the penetration of fog on railroads."

**The Living Face Complete.**

In the meantime Mr. Baird is continuing his work with television. "At the present moment," he said, discussing the progress that has been made with his televiser, the machine for seeing by electricity, "we can see the living face of a person sitting in darkness, which is absolutely complete, the face being seen on the receiving screen, not as outline or a silhouette, but a true living image, by diffusely reflected light. This is an important point, as it has been stated erroneously that we transmit outlines only."

Birmingham University is to have a lecture from Mr. Baird on January 28, and he said, "a demonstration of the peculiar phenomenon which occurs in television, namely, the fact that every scene has its corresponding sound, when the receiving televiser is replaced by earphones."

**Sounds of the Face.**

"For example, one face may make a noise like the hum of a bee, another like an aeroplane flying high in the sky; a third will be heard like a circular saw, and a fourth like the purr of a cat, and so on, the sound changing with every movement."

"Every object, also, has its corresponding sound, and I hope to let the audience at Birmingham University hear characteristic image-sounds, made by such common objects as matchboxes, inkpots, pocket knives, pencils, and so on. Every object has its own sound, even when it is lying still."

"These sounds are produced in the telephone by the electrical impulses which give the image in the televiser, and if a gramophone record is played into a microphone the sounds are converted into electricity. If in turn this electrical current is supplied to the televiser coupled with the phonograph the image reappears on the screen."

"In other words, the sound of the living face can be recorded on the phonograph record, and on playing this record again the moving face is reproduced on the televiser screen, so that we have here a method of storing living scenes on phonograph records."

**CHILDREN'S RADIO TASTES.**

In an effort to discover their preferences with regard to wireless broadcast programmes, Mr. D. H. McCourtain, of Crewe, took a census of 8,000 school children.

He told the annual conference of the Incorporated Association of Headmasters at the Guildhall, E.C. that the result showed that 63 per cent. preferred music (including dance bands); 12 per cent. humorists; 9 per cent. miscellaneous items; 8 per cent. drama; and 8 per cent. educational subjects.

**HALF ACROSS WORLD.**

An octogenarian, Mrs. Hodgkins, of Birmingham, conversed via the trans-Atlantic radio telephone, with her four sons in Stockton, California, whom she had not seen for 16 years.

The reception was so good that the old lady recognised the different speakers by their voices, and correctly named each of them.

**ROARS BY WIRELESS****CIRCUS LIONS ILLUSTRATE  
A STORY.**

To illustrate the story of "The Lion with a Squeaky Voice" the massed roaring of the lions now at the Olympia Circus, Kensington, was broadcast during the children's hour.

Though some fine full-throated work was done there were intervals when the chorus died into insignificance. Then listeners could hear the voices of the trainers inciting the animals to "speak up." Once or twice this dramatic wireless illustration to a story for children was on the point of being "faded out" by the B.B.C. engineers as having passed its climax, but the four-legged performers were persuaded in the nick of time to "come up to the scratch"—in one sense at least—and bade their previous best.

You can always rely on lions to grunt, cough, or growl, but the real roar is difficult to guarantee when working to a time-schedule. Those at the London Zoo would have been broadcast before, now if only they would roar at the word of command.

The sudden production of a man of colour is one of the best recipes for securing an impressive chorus. The best effort in the Zoo Lion House was made when the Emir of Katsina paid a visit there. When told that his reception by the lions was astonishing, he remarked that "They always do that for me."

**WIRELESS LISTENERS.**

Figures for Australian States.

Melbourne, March 7. At the end of February there were 197,872 wireless listeners' licences in operation throughout the Commonwealth, or an average of 3.2 for every hundred of the population. New licences to the number of 7,138 were issued during the month, and 10,002 renewals were granted. Cancellations in the same period numbered 2,808.

Victoria still has the largest number of licences in operation in any one State—114,428, or an average of 6.1 per cent. of the population. During February 3,930 new licences were issued in Victoria, and 6,860 renewals were made. There were 1,137 cancellations. In New South Wales 2,037 new licences, and 2,115 renewals, were taken out during the month, and 1,187 licences cancelled. The total in that State at the end of the month was 51,154, or an average of 2.2 per cent. of the population. Queensland, with 733 new issues, 323 renewals, and 238 cancellations, had at the end of the month a total of 20,425, or 2.3 per cent. In South Australia 389 new issues were granted, and 743 renewals, and 83 cancellations made. The total number of licences in operation, 15,773, represented 2.1 per cent. In Western Australia 80 new licences were issued, and renewals and cancellations numbered 231 and 112 respectively. The total was 4,014, or 1 per cent. In Tasmania there were 69 new issues, but there were no renewals or cancellations. The total at the end of the month was 2,078, or 1 per cent.

Broadcast Drinking.

We are promised television. Soon, no doubt, we shall have broadcast the sound of someone (imbibing liquid), and that as a substitute for drinking. (Laughter).

Facing a big wireless set, Mr. S. C. Roberts said the loud speaker was the equivalent of turning the town crier into a little room and keeping him there.

"I find it extremely difficult," he declared, "not to put on the headphones, for man is a gambler and there is always a hundred to one chance that there will be something worth listening to."

"The art of conversation, one of the noblest, has already fallen on evil days and will lose its last shreds of support if the wireless listening habit is encouraged." The habits of those who listen are depriving them of the power of volition.

One Hope of Sanity.

"The one hope of saving the national sanity is to rescue what fragments of private thought and conversation still remain."

Mr. Gerald Sparrow, who appeared for "the cultured, respectable, middle class," said their sanity was based on understanding. Wireless afforded recreation for their wives, he contended, and was a retreat for their husbands and a solace for their spinners.

The division resulted in 39 votes for the motion and 218 against.

**RADIO HOAX.**

Commander Laskos, a former side-de-camp to General Pangalos, ex-Prime Minister of Greece, has been arrested following the discovery that while he was studying wireless at a naval station he seized the opportunity to broadcast a revolutionary message during the strike on March 11.

The message was to the effect that a revolution had broken out, and it is believed to have been broadcast for the purpose of provoking a Pangalist rising.

Laskos says it was a joke. Nevertheless, the guards in charge of Pangalos at his island prison have been doubled, and it is probable that the trial of the former Prime Minister will be expedited.

**BRINGING UP FATHER.**

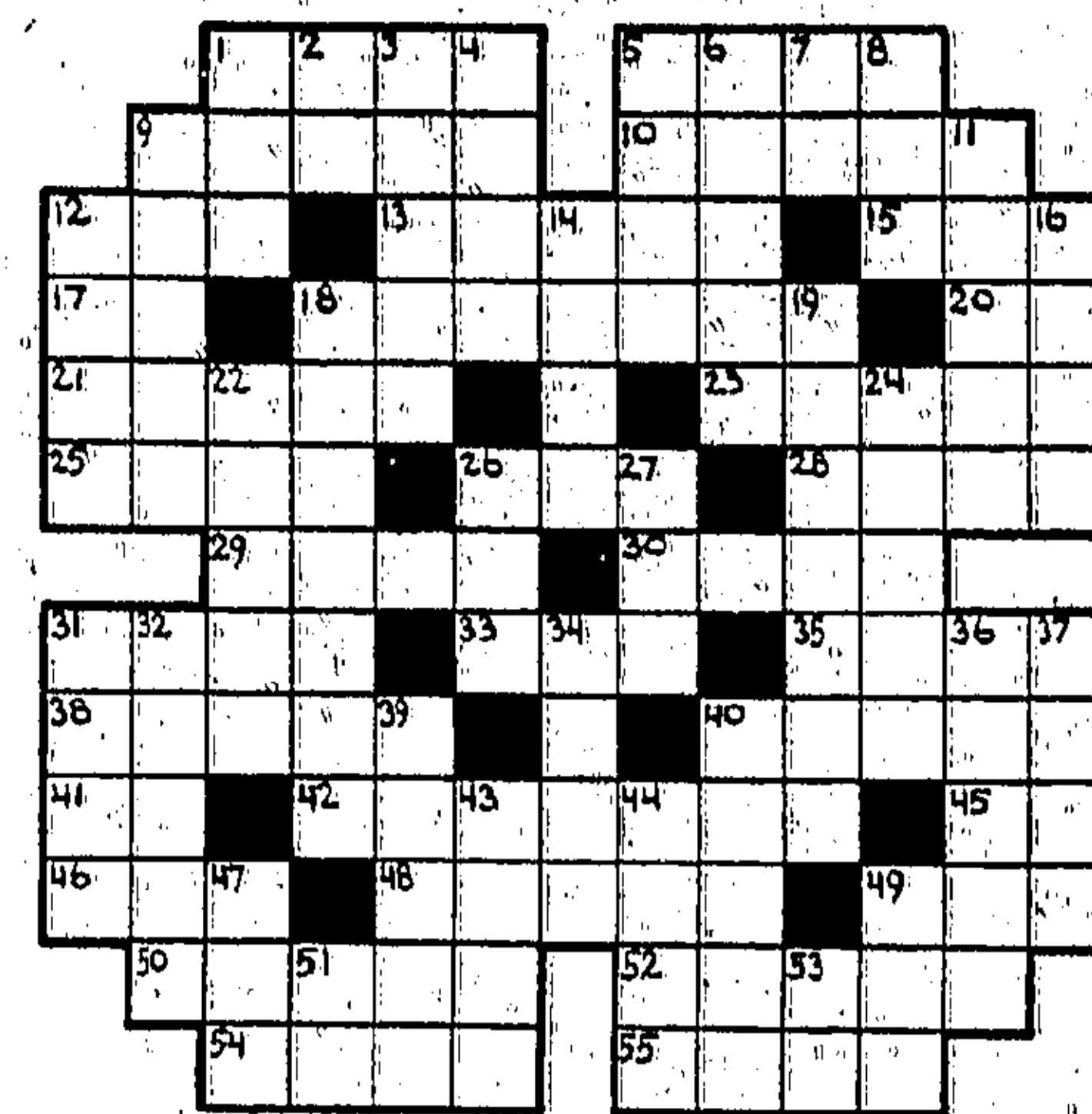
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**DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE**

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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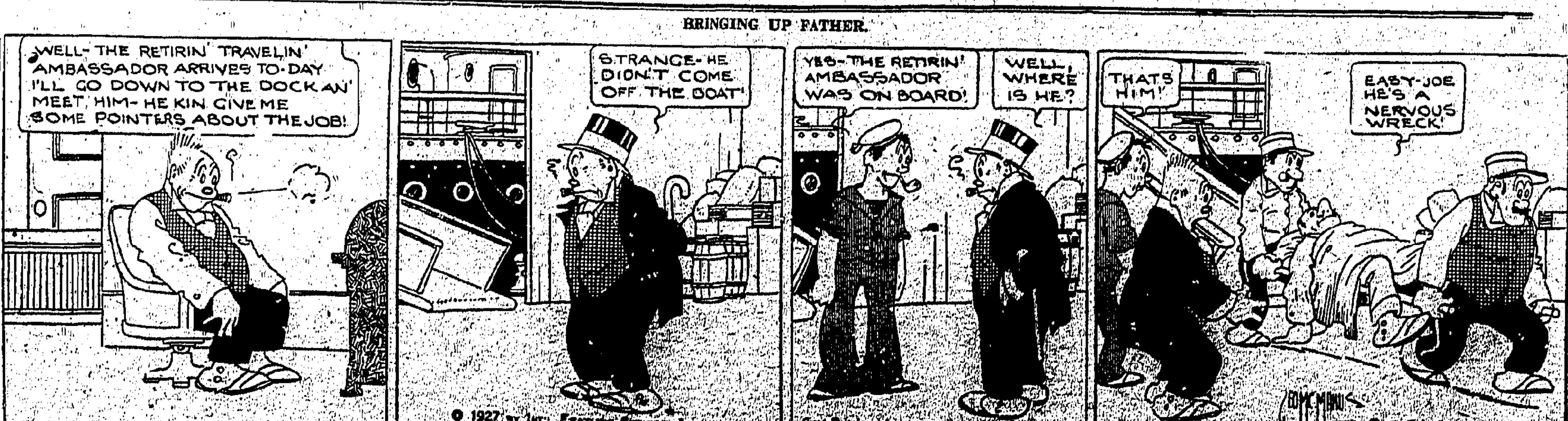
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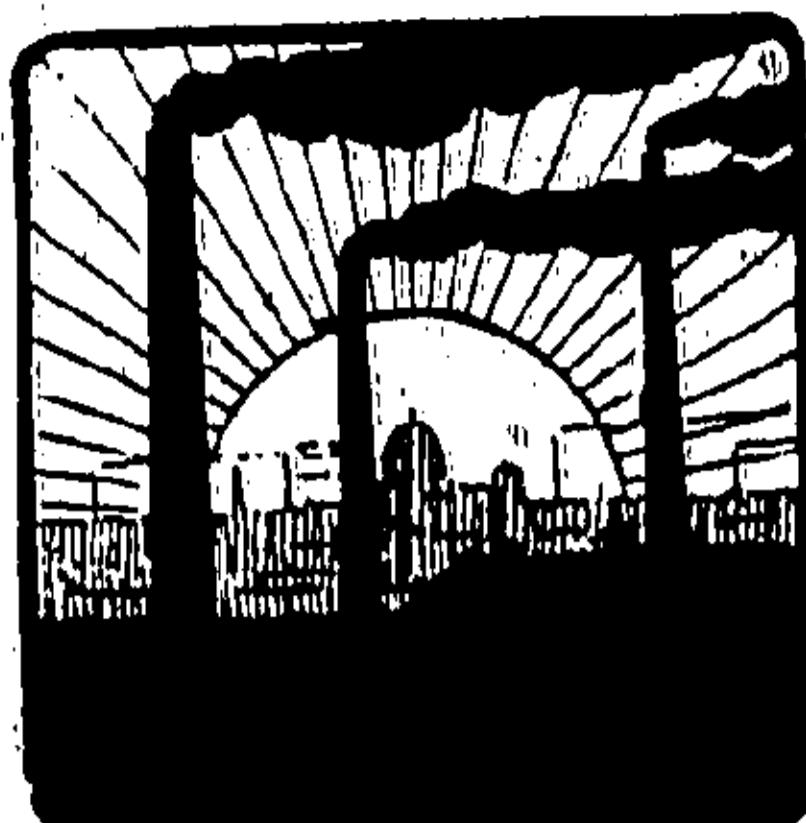


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## THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Thomas and William Stokes, brothers, were killed in the Mickley Pitt, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, by a fall of stone.

Hastings Licensing Bench have fixed the opening hours of public houses from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and from 6 to 10 p.m.

Lord Buckmaster's Bill to protect the lapwing (green plover), the "farmers' best friend," was passed by the House of Lords.

While riding on the trailer of a lorry driven by his son at Hockliffe, Bedfordshire, John Stirling, aged 56, a Nottingham haulier, fell under a wheel and was killed.

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Captain Stannard, of Dover-pond, Northfleet, Kent, who went ashore from a barge at Strood, to change some money, has disappeared and his boat has been found drifting in mid-stream.

At Newcastle Assizes Robert Woodman, aged 57, farmer, charged with manslaughter by having caused the death of his wife by failing to provide her with sufficient food, was found not guilty.

Mrs. Zachary Lansdowne, widow of the Commander of the ill-fated dirigible, "Shenandoah," who was recently married to Mr. John Cawell, Jr. They are spending their honeymoon in Europe.

A Vickers Vulcan aeroplane, piloted by Captain R. H. Mackintosh, struck some uneven ground on landing at Croydon Aerodrome and tipped upon its nose, but neither the pilot nor his mechanic was injured.

Charles Skilton (7), of Smith Street, Surbiton Hill, was crawling along the parapet of a bridge over the Southern Railway at Surbiton Hill when he fell 60 ft. to the permanent way and was killed.

Mr. Charles Tate Regan has been appointed Director of the Natural History Departments, British Museum, in succession to Sir Sidney Harmer, who retires. Dr. William Thomas Calman will succeed Mr. Regan as Keeper of Zoology.

It is understood that many of the recommendations of Lord Lee's Commission on Cross River Traffic will be adopted by the Government. The full scheme provided for bridges over the Strand, widening Waterloo Bridge and improving other bridges. The great cost—£27,000,000—was the stumbling block, but some arrangement will probably be made to relieve the taxpayer of part of it.

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Miss Evansline Lift, of 70, Burdett-road Bow, E., was killed by being knocked down by a motor-car at Thundersley, near Southend-on-Sea.

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Captain Stannard, of Dover-pond, Northfleet, Kent, who went ashore from a barge at Strood, to change some money, has disappeared and his boat has been found drifting in mid-stream.

At Newcastle Assizes Robert Woodman, aged 57, farmer, charged with manslaughter by having caused the death of his wife by failing to provide her with sufficient food, was found not guilty.

Mrs. Zachary Lansdowne, widow of the Commander of the ill-fated dirigible, "Shenandoah," who was recently married to Mr. John Cawell, Jr. They are spending their honeymoon in Europe.

A Vickers Vulcan aeroplane, piloted by Captain R. H. Mackintosh, struck some uneven ground on landing at Croydon Aerodrome and tipped upon its nose, but neither the pilot nor his mechanic was injured.

Charles Skilton (7), of Smith Street, Surbiton Hill, was crawling along the parapet of a bridge over the Southern Railway at Surbiton Hill when he fell 60 ft. to the permanent way and was killed.

Mr. Charles Tate Regan has been appointed Director of the Natural History Departments, British Museum, in succession to Sir Sidney Harmer, who retires. Dr. William Thomas Calman will succeed Mr. Regan as Keeper of Zoology.

It is understood that many of the recommendations of Lord Lee's Commission on Cross River Traffic will be adopted by the Government. The full scheme provided for bridges over the Strand, widening Waterloo Bridge and improving other bridges. The great cost—£27,000,000—was the stumbling block, but some arrangement will probably be made to relieve the taxpayer of part of it.

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The disappearance of a barge captain named Stannard, of Dover Road, Northfleet, is puzzling the Rochester police. He rowed from his barge in the Medway to go ashore at Strood, and the boat was afterwards found drifting below Rochester Bridge, without any trace of the captain.

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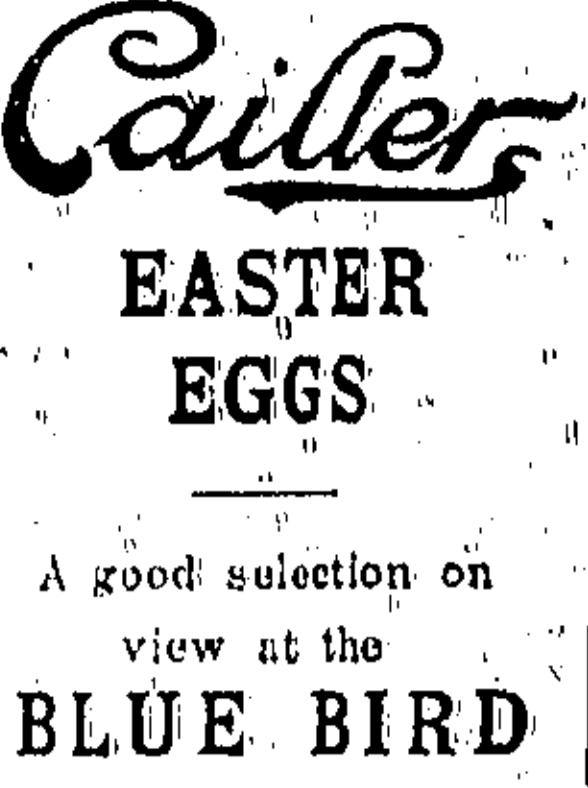
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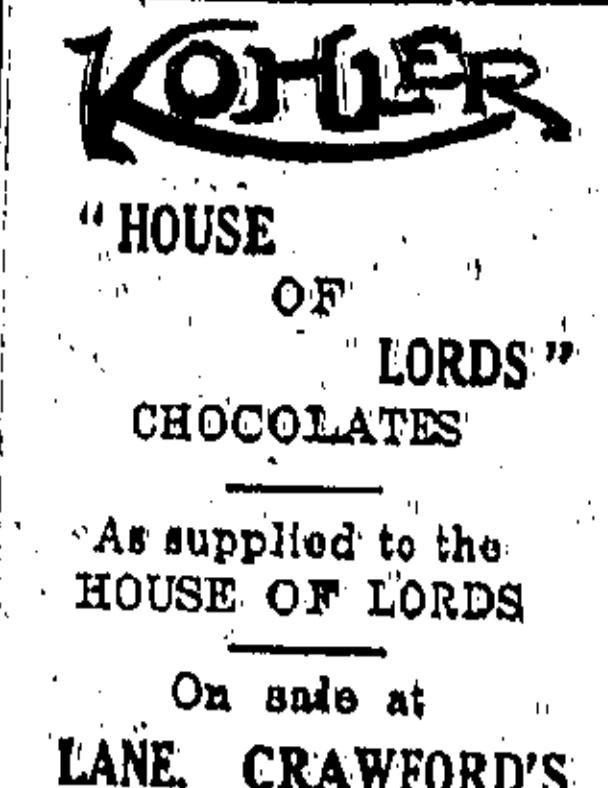
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## INWARD MAIIS.

From	TUESDAY, APRIL	To
Shanghai	12	Kuklung
Japan & Shanghai	13	General Metzinger
Saigon	14	Chenoneaux
Straits	15	Takliwa
Manila	16	Pres. Jackson
THURSDAY, APRIL	17	Korea Maru
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	18	President McKinley
Japan & Shanghai	19	Hakone Maru
SUNDAY, APRIL	20	Devanhua
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	21	Mishima "Maru"
Straits	22	Aki Maru
Europe via Suez (Letters & packages, London 17th March & parcels 10th March)	23	Kateri Maru
Australia & Manila	24	Khiva
Japan	25	Shimyo Maru
TUESDAY, APRIL	26	Empress of Asia
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	27	
FRIDAY, APRIL	28	
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	29	

## OUTWARD MAIIS.

For	TUESDAY, APRIL	To
U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 4th May. Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	12	West Prospect.
Sam Shui & Wuchow	13	Kwong Ying
Port Bayard	14	Pres. Taft
Swatow	15	Poosang
WEDNESDAY, APRIL	16	Wal Shing
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Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	18	Chenoneaux
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Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 24th April. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (14th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	20	President Jackson.
THURSDAY, APRIL	21	Changte.
Swatow	22	Kwangtung
Straits	23	Cramer
Wei Hui Wei	24	Hulchow
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 14th May. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (16th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	25	Devanha.
FRIDAY, APRIL	26	Suyang
Swatow Amoy & Foochow	27	Hai Hong
Sourabaya	28	Titaroom
SATURDAY, APRIL	29	Yatching

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## SMALLER NAVIES.

### Efforts to Reach An Agreement.

### FRENCH PROPOSALS OPPOSED.

Geneva, April 11.  
The French proposals for the limitation of naval armaments provide that each high contracting party before the expiry of the convention will reduce its naval tonnage to the total laid down which each considers indispensable to safeguard its security and national interests.

A table is given indicating the distribution of the total tonnage contemplated by each party among battleships, aircraft carriers, surface vessels below 10,000 tons and submarines.

Within the limits of the total tonnage laid down each party may modify the distribution of its tonnage under conditions it considers indispensable to its security with a reservation that it shall communicate such modification to the Secretariat of the League of Nations at least a year before laying a keel of that part of the tonnage which has been modified.—Reuter.

### Conflicting Opinions.

Geneva, April 11.  
Viscount Cecil declared that the French proposals would open the door to competition in naval construction. Britain's responsibility in naval matters was great. She would be false to her responsibilities if she accepted anything not giving real security.

General de Marinis declared that Italy did not wish for competition in naval armaments.

M. Paul Boncour emphasised that France was unable to agree to anything prejudicing the distribution of world tonnage.

Viscount Sato stated that he was awaiting instructions from the Japanese Government. He was consequently unable definitely to pronounce Japan's views.

As regards President Coolidge's invitation, which testified Japan's willingness to co-operate in all efforts for disarmament, he declared: "If we accepted that it does not mean anything derogatory to our present work."

He said there were some points in the French proposal offering a possible basis for negotiation.

Mr. Hugh Gibson (United States) declared that the United States was ready to discuss any proposal capable of reaching agreement.

The Jugo-Slav delegation associated themselves with the French revised clause.

The Argentine and Chilean delegations sympathised with and accepted the French proposals subject to some modifications and the approval of their governments.

At the close of the sitting Viscount Sato submitted an amendment affecting certain figures in the French table.—Reuter.

### Earlier News.

Geneva, April 11.  
Viscount Cecil has informed M. Boncour that Britain is unable to agree to the French proposals with regard to the limitation of naval armaments.

The Italian representative has also intimated that Italy is unable to support the French proposals. Probably the Conference will adjourn and die on April 14.—Reuter.

### THIEF WHO ROBBED BABY.

Six months' jail, and twelve strokes of the birch was the smart sentence passed by Major Wilson this morning on a Chinese convicted of the mean theft of a pair of bangles from a baby which was being carried on its mother's back in Wellington Street yesterday afternoon.

All deaths notified are of Chinese.

Police Sgt. Cameron was yesterday bitten by a dog owned by Mr. R. Sequeira, of Redzaxela Terrace. He has received treatment at the hospital. The dog has been removed to Kepney Town for observation.

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All three accused were bound over for six months in the sum of \$50 each.

Jewellery and money worth \$83 are reported to have been stolen from the residence of Dr. R. A. Baste in Talpo Road.

A Chinese shopkeeper of Ladder Street reports that he entrusted a fok and a coolie yesterday with cloth worth \$220 to sell in the streets. Both men have absconded.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 1/16.

## "INDISCREET."

### SIR A. GEDDES' REMARKS CRITICISED.

### "MISCHIEVOUS UTTERANCE."

London, April 11.

A "blazing political indiscretion" is the phrase the "Westminster Gazette" applies to the speech of Sir Auckland Geddes. It declares he must immediately explain and apologise. It should be the Government's duty to find a way of repudiating his callow, mischievous utterance. It concludes saying that this "outrage on American sentiment will be universally reprobated in England and we are equally sure that all responsible instructed opinion in the United

Kingdom will be shocked by the claim of Cheng Cho, an engineer, of Waterloo road, Yauma, for \$1,000 damages for alleged wrongful imprisonment against Mah Wan-sam, who was dismissed in the Summary Court this morning.

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The defence to the alleged larceny case had been that the stock was on the man's premises by reason of the fact that he was a partner in the firm.

An alleged "secret process" with which the rings and rollers were treated figured in the evidence and on the larceny charge the defendant (the plaintiff in the damages claim) was discharged.

Commenting on the case this morning, Mr. P. Jacks, Queen's Bench Judge, said that imprisonment for which an action for false imprisonment could be brought successfully must be the direct act of the person claimed against or by the order of such person.

The action of the defendant in this case had certainly led to the plaintiff's arrest and detention but it was not a direct act because a warrant was issued by the magistrate.

The plaintiff's were also required to prove for the success of their claim that the proceedings were initiated in a malicious spirit and the evidence in this case did not satisfy him that there was any malice on the part of the defendant, although there did not appear to have been much justification for the action he took.

Plaintiff's claim was therefore dismissed with costs.

## THIEF AND SOAP.

Inspector Grant this morning charged a coolie before Mr. Lindsell with the unlawful possession of two bars of soap, believed to have been stolen.

Accused said he bought the soap for 60 cents but was unable to name the shop.

Magistrate: You must be very rich to be able to afford to buy 60 cents worth of soap.

Accused: I wanted to send it to country.

Magistrate: Yes, I don't suppose you use it much. Five dollars or seven days.

## FOR THE SERVICES.

A whisky drive and concert arranged by the Entertainment Committee of the Y.M.C.A. takes place at the City Hall to-night. The following are to contribute to the programme: Mrs. Minney, Miss Munro, Mr. R. Sutherland and Mrs. Hyde Lay.

There is to be a concert under the same auspices at the Peking Road hut on Thursday, the 14th.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

S.E. winds, moderate; fair at first, some rain later; the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

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